GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN IMMIGRATION LAW
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the immigration laws to check the infiltration of terrorists;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of the proposed amendments made/likely to be made in these laws?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): There are no separate immigration laws to check infiltration of terrorists. Admission, stay, movement and exit of Foreigners is governed by the passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920; the Registration of Foreigners` Act, 1939; and the Foreigners` Act, 1946 and the rules made under these Acts. The review of these laws are done as and when situation so demands. In its ongoing effort to control and check infiltration of illegal foreigners, the Government has already amended the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 and the Foreigners` Act, 1946 to substantially enhance the penal provisions.